

Susanna Jacobson passed away peacefully on February 8, 2012 from a prolonged illness in recent years.

Susanna worked in Engineering since May 1991 and was a long standing member of the Data Acquisition Software group in the Nuclear Science division. The projects she worked on included developing software to support all the major beamlines at the Bevalac accelerator until its decommissioning in 1993, and the "Portable DAQ" project that was used during early testing of the STAR TPC detector prior to its installation at the RHIC accelerator (BNL). She brought a unique and valued perspective to the demanding task of real time programming.

In February 1998, Susanna was matrixed to the ALS Controls group. She made significant contributions to the Control System including writing software for the ALS top-off mode upgrade and the fast feed back controls upgrade for beam stability, and to the Staff Safety Committee.

She was dependable and always very thoughtful and kind. She constantly strived to improve personally and professionally. When not working, Susanna loved to knit and sing. She was an active member of the Knitting Club at LBNL and would attend singing camps and go frequently to sing Karaoke with her friends from the ALS.

She had struggled for years with her breast cancer, and even during that time she had continued to work whenever she could to make improvements to the ALS beamline control systems while keeping her positive outlook.

It is very sad she is gone. Needless to say, we all miss her more than words can express. She was not just our co-worker but our good friend as well. Her family is profoundly grateful for the immeasurable outpouring of support she received in her final weeks.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 25th, 4-6 pm in the Fireside Room at Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, CA 94707. Go [here](#) to view a map, or [here](#) for driving directions.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to (1) Mercy Retirement and Care Center, 3431 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94601; or (2) [WoMaMu.org](http://WoMaMu.org).